

Final Memo: Re: E. Carl McNabb, aka Vince Rose  
(addendum to memo of July, 1968--"New info in case of Richard Case Nagell")

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From: Gary Richard Schoener

In August of 1968 Harold Weisberg and I both wrote to Steve Burton asking him for a photo of Vince Rose in order to test my suspicion that he was responsible for the McNabb incident in Mexico City. My theory was based on similarities in the descriptions of both: "ex-CIA", young, ex-pilot, from Miami, etc. The descriptive material on Rose was gleaned from Hal Verb's notebooks. Steve replied that no picture of Rose would be forthcoming and he cautioned me not to mention Rose because he was "a secret." I became insistent and then Steve informed me that Rose resembled Wilson in Larry Howard's photos. I asked that he send the Wilson photo and he did, although with no description of how Rose differed from Wilson. According to Steve they were not the same because this had been checked out, but he told Harold Weisberg that the only difference was in the ears. Both Harold and I subsequently became aware of the fact that Rose was informed of our interest in him, despite the fact that it should have been kept confidential. I have further been told, but in this case can not verify myself, that Rose initially denied the McNabb incident and then admitted it, and that Bill Turner at first denied that Rose had initially lied.

On Dec. 5, 1968 I re-interviewed Linda Wayland, the primary informant in the McNabb affair and showed her several photos, one of which was the photo of Wilson. She immediately identified him as McNabb. I queried her about the possibility of any differences between him and the man she saw, but she couldn't remember any. I then asked her specifically about the ears and she said that she couldn't be sure, but they weren't markedly different as far as she could remember.

Suggestion: The possibility that Rose is actually Wilson needs to be checked out.

If they look so much alike despite the fact that Larry Howard's photo was taken a number of years ago this would seem to be a possibility. If only the ears are different, it would be worth checking on the possibility of minor surgery. Obviously, whether or not he is Wilson, he can scarcely be trusted as an investigator.